

BANKERS' EXCURSION OVER FRISCO LINES

SPECIAL TRAIN BRINGS MANY CAPITALISTS.

A. T. Perkins of St. Louis In Charge—Train Crossed Bridge to Matamoros—Leave Today for Trip Over Northern Frisco Lines.

A special train carrying a party of eighty or more bankers and capitalists from all parts of the United States arrived in the city at 6:30 yesterday afternoon over the St. L. & M. railroad. A. T. Perkins of St. Louis, vice-president of the Frisco lines, was the ranking railroad official on the train, and was in charge of its movements.

Shortly after its arrival the entire train was taken to Matamoros, over the international bridge, where an hour or more was given the visitors to visit interesting points, including the Plaza de Hidalgo, the curio stores, the post card palaces, and other places, not overlooking the restaurants. The train returned to Brownsville about 9:30 to give the bankers an opportunity to see the city and will leave about 4 o'clock this morning on the return to North Texas, the party being due at Dallas tomorrow.

The special train is made up of eight all-steel coaches, and is built on the style of the famous Twentieth Century Limited, the crack 18-hour train which has been running between New York City and Chicago the past seven years. Each berth is a separate compartment on one side of the car and the opposite side is reserved for a passageway. The train carries every convenience that is possible.

One car has been especially equipped as a sort of schoolroom, and in this car the bankers and capitalists assemble daily for the purpose of hearing lectures on the country through which the train passes. A good view of the scenery is possible on either side, and questions asked by the tourists about the country are answered by the lecturer.

This is the first special train of bankers brought down by the Frisco in over a year, and is the second time an entire train has been taken across the international bridge, which was built about two years ago. Naturally the tourists were curious as to the bridge and the obstacles encountered in taking a train across an international boundary, and endless questions were asked.

The special train with its passengers is making a tour of more than seven thousand miles of road owned or controlled by the Frisco lines. The trip began at Chicago, the itinerary leading thence to St. Louis and South to New Orleans, and from New Orleans to Texas over the newly constructed New Orleans, Texas and Mexico line to Houston. The train crossed into Texas from Louisiana at 2:30 yesterday morning, and only short stops were made between this city and Houston.

Leaving here this morning at 6 o'clock the train will spend two hours at San Benito, where Sam Robertson will take the bankers over parts of the "Spider Web" that he is building. A run up the branch line will be made to Mission, then back to Harlingen and to Kingsville and Corpus Christi, where the party will spend several hours.

Leaving Corpus Christi, the next long stop is at Houston and the bankers will be shown the big South Texas city. Ft. Worth and Dallas will be visited next, and then Springfield Mo., from which point the itinerary will extend over other Frisco lines.

Following is a list of the members of the party:

- M. C. Addoms, Jr., William Salomon & Co. New York City.
- Earl Alexander, New York City.
- Henry Almsedt, Almsedt Bros., New York City.
- F. T. Armstrong, William Salomon & Co., New York City.
- Warden W. Ayres, William Salomon & Co., New York City.
- W. F. Bacon, Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.
- Louis Barklage, Wernse & Dieckman, St. Louis, Mo.
- Arthur Batt, E. H. Rollins & Sons New York City.
- W. L. Becktold, Share & Mortgage Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- H. H. Bemis, Curtis & Sanger, Boston, Mass.
- J. A. Berninghaus, Central National

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF WATERWAYS ASS'N

HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND HEARS REPORT

Chairman Cobolini of Deep Water Committee Gave a Detailed Report, Urging Necessity of Improving U. S. Engineer With Merits of Project.

The Brownsville Waterways Association met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon in annual session. Besides electing officers and directors for the ensuing year, the association heard the reports of the treasurer, J. B. Scott, and the chairman of the deep water committee, Louis Cobolini.

With the exception of the secretary, K. H. McDavitt, who has left the city, the old set of officers was re-elected and W. E. McDavitt was elected to the secretaryship. The officers are, S. K. Hallam, president, Benj. Kowalski, first vice-president, C. P. Barreda, second vice president, W. E. McDavitt, secretary and J. B. Scott, treasurer.

The new directorate includes Louis Cobolini, Wm. Kelly, James B. Wells, S. L. Dworman, R. B. Creager, W. R. Jones, Dr. S. H. Bell, Jose Celaya, J. G. Fernandez, J. B. Scott, W. E. McDavitt, and S. K. Hallam. W. R. Jones and Dr. S. H. Bell were elected directors to succeed W. N. Pearson, who has removed from the city, and Judge W. E. Hawkins who goes to Austin soon as an associate justice of the state supreme court.

The Brazos deep water committee will again be headed by Louis Cobolini, who will appoint the other four members of the committee, and the Brownsville ship channel committee will be elected by the directors, as required by the constitution of the association.

Dr. S. K. Hallam and Louis Cobolini will be sent to Palacios to represent the Brownsville Waterways Association at the convention of the Interstate Inland Waterways League of Texas and Louisiana. The convention will be in session three days beginning November 21. Mr. Cobolini is a director of the league.

President Hallam, in his annual address, referred to the fact that the annual meeting should have been held in June, but for various reasons was delayed. He opened his remarks by stating that the association was organized for the purpose of promoting a ship harbor at Brazos Santiago, and a ship channel to Brownsville. However, insufficient money caused a decision to centralize the efforts of the association on the proposition of securing deep water at Brazos Santiago.

Dr. Hallam believes that both projects should be pushed as fast as means will permit. He has been informed by Congressman John N. Garner that the support of congress cannot be had until a favorable report on the project is made by the United States board of engineers, through Col. Riche of Galveston. Dr. Hallam is of the opinion that the association should endeavor to induce the government to make the necessary surveys, believing that, if the government secures the figures itself, it will be more apt to see the feasibility of the project.

The report of the treasurer, J. B. Scott, showed that the sum of \$1,362.50 had been received during the year, of which \$1,355.60 had been expended, leaving a balance in the bank of \$6.90. The report was received and approved by the meeting and ordered filed.

Chairman Cobolini's Report.

In his annual report, Louis Cobolini, chairman of the Brazos Santiago deep water committee, gave a concise list of the activities of the association since his connection with it, dating from June 1908. He impressed the association with the vital importance of having facts and figures at hand when the United States engineer comes to Brownsville to investigate the project, stating that many difficult questions will have to be answered without delay.

In referring to two other propositions for a route to the gulf from Brownsville, M. Cobolini said that he was not tied down to any one of these proposed routes but that he is tied to the proposition of deep water at Brazos Santiago.

The chairman gave the approximate cost of individual pieces of work that would have to be undertaken in the waterway projects, and also presented to the meeting figures that would have to be brought before Col.

WELCOME



Riche. He read an elaborate table prepared by him giving existing freight differentials in an effort to show the importance of removing these differentials, and the saving that would result from the establishment of a deep water harbor at Brazos Santiago.

Mr. Cobolini endeavored to impress upon those present the great necessity of the citizens presenting a solid front for Brazos Santiago when Col. Riche home to Brownsville, and asked that all differences be laid aside for the two days which the engineer will be here.

Mr. Cobolini's report was approved.

Judge W. E. Hawkins, the retiring director, addressed the meeting briefly, stating that, though he must soon leave the city, he hopes to be able sometime to travel on an ocean-going vessel from Cameron Parish, La., on the Sabine river, to Cameron County, Texas. He touched upon the desirability of deep water for Brownsville, and the necessity of all joining hands for a governmental survey for deep water at Brazos Santiago and the ship channel.

Judge Hawkins made a motion, which was adopted unanimously asking that the waterways convention at Palacios be requested to pass a resolution endorsing the request of the Brownsville Waterway Association for a governmental survey for the proposed canal from Laguna Madre to Brownsville.

Among those present at the meeting were, L. H. Hallam, W. R. Jones, S. K. Hallam, Judge W. E. Hawkins, E. A. Monsees, Wm. S. West, S. C. Tucker, W. E. McDavitt, Benj. Kowalski, J. B. Scott, Dr. S. H. Bell, L. Cobolini, W. K. Mendenhall, D. E. C. Dickson and others.

SCHOOL PRESENTS GIFT TO RETIRING JANITOR

A touching little incident occurred at the public school yesterday afternoon, when Manuel Maucha, an aged and infirm Mexican, who has been employed as janitor, but was compelled on account of physical disability to resign, was presented with a purse of \$14.70 as a parting gift from the pupils and teachers. The amount was contributed in sums ranging from a penny up. It was known for some time that the poor old man must lay down the burden which taxed his strength too heavily, and so it was suggested by Superintendent Wright that some small testimonial be presented to him in order to lessen his grief at being obliged to give up the work. Teachers and pupils responded readily, and the sum named was raised quickly. Prof. Wright presented the gift with a few words expressing with feeling the regret of the school at parting with Manuel. The recipient was overcome with emotion, and tears rolled down his cheeks as he reiterated his "gracias" to the donors.

DEMOCRATS APPROVE EXTRA SESSION

LEADERS IN BOTH HOUSES WELL PLEASED.

White House Refuses to Comment, but Taft's Friend Say He Hopes No Disturbance of Business Will Result. Progressive Leader Approves.

Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 15.—General approval is voiced in democratic circles tonight over Wilson's decision to call a special session of congress. The announcement is in line with the almost universal recommendation of the house and senate leaders.

Speaker Clark voiced the desire for an extra session in strong terms today.

A similar statement was made by Senator Martin, the senate leader. Although the White House would not comment upon the announcement friends of Taft said the latter had hoped the democrats would not bring on any further "disturbance of business."

Senator McCumber expressed another republican view namely—he favored "getting it over with."

Wm. J. Bryan expressed his approval of Wilson's announcement.

Senator Dixon the progressive National Chairman said he thought Wilson done a wise thing.

President-elect Wilson will sail tomorrow for Bermuda, for a vacation. He will return December 16th. He said in a statement that he knew it in best interest of business that the tariff matter be settled as quickly as possible and he made the announcement at this time to set at rest all speculation.

Most of the expressions received from public men, Wilson said, were in favor of an extra session.

ALLIED WITH ZAPATISTES.

Associated Press.
Mexico City, Nov. 15.—It is reported from a reliable source that General Aguilar has entered into an alliance with the Zapatistas and is now their directing officer.

Fourteen million dollars' worth of heating apparatus is made and distributed in New York City annually.

The life of a steel rail on a main line under ordinary circumstances is twelve years.

Maucha's case is a sad one because of his infirmity and also because he has a son who is in very bad health. It looks as if this may be an occasion when a little assistance might be timely.

BY TAD

TWENTY-THREE HURT ACROSS BOUNDARY

Investigation of Special Army Board Shows Number Americans Killed or Injured from Juarez Last Year.

Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Twenty-three persons were either killed or badly wounded on the American side of the Mexican Boundary last year by bullets fired during the fighting between the rebels and federals.

This fact was developed by a special army board which has just returned to Washington from El Paso. The board is also satisfied that other persons received lesser injuries which were not reported.

WILSON WILL CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 15.—President-elect Wilson, announced tonight that he would call a special session of congress, immediately after his inauguration for the purpose of revising tariff. The extraordinary session will be called to convene not later than April 15.

COTTON

Associated Press.

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—Cotton futures closed steady with a net decline of 18 to 20 points. Spots steady 1-8 off.

REBELS CAPTURED ON AMERICAN SIDE

One of the Men Arrested Is Rebel Who Captured and Held for Ransom Ranchman McCormick.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—Felipe Casaeas, who was paymaster of Orozco's army, and Pedro Figuero, who it is claimed, was member of the rebel band which captured Arthur P. McCormick an American ranch owner a few weeks ago, and held him for ransom, have been arrested by Steever near the border, according to a report made by the War Department, today.

NEXT MEETING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—The United Daughters of the Confederacy today selected New Orleans as their next meeting place. Today's session were devoted largely to discussing committee reports.

CATTLE.

Ft. Worth, Nov. 15.—Cattle receipts 2,500; steers steady 5.00@6.00; feeders steady 4.50@4.75; calves receipts 1,200, 25 cents lower 4.50@6.00; hogs receipts, 300, steady at 5 cents lower; top 8.05. No sheep. Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 15.—Cattle steady and strong export steers 7.75@10.75. Hogs steady to five cents lower; heavies 7.75@7.85. Sheep strong and active.

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Year ending April 30th	1911	1912
Freight received	142,819.44	235,880.20
Freight forwarded	42,839.33	96,100.31
Express received	12,539.64	15,426.23
Express forwarded	18,098.34	19,025.44
Ticket sales	31,460.95	43,960.66
Excess Baggage	202.21	478.70
Switching, storage, and demurrage	No record	3,204.11
Total Value of Business	248,050.95	414,075.65

Above represents only the amount paid to the St. L. & M. for handling business shown and NOT THE VALUE OF PRODUCTS HANDLED.

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TURKISH WAR NEWS STILL PERPLEXING

UNCERTAINTY ARISES FROM STRICT PRESS CENSORSHIP

Reported that Adrianople Has Fallen that Bulgarians Have Captured Turkish Army Headquarters; that Nazim Pasha Has Surrendered.

Associated Press.

London, Nov. 15.—As the censorship permits no news to come from the front the situation at the scene of the fighting in the Balkans is more perplexing than ever tonight.

Among the various rumors drifting in however, one has it, that Adrianople has fallen; another, that the Bulgarians have captured Hadomkeni, the headquarters of the Turkish commander in chief; that Nazim Pasha, the Turkish Generalissimo has capitulated and that the Bulgarians had reached the vicinity of Kilios, on the Black Sea, a short distance from Constantinople.

These reports, however, are without confirmation. The chaotic situation is probably of a graver importance than the progress of hostilities in southwestern Europe.

The disease is making tremendous ravages not only among the destitute refugees who are arriving by the thousands in Constantinople, but among the Turkish troops.

It is doubtful whether the Bulgarians will run the risk of danger of an epidemic to their army by entering Constantinople.

A significant article in the Bulgarian government organ declares that peace is imminent.

A Greek army is marching on Monastir to join the Servians who are besieging that city and have occupied the peninsula of the Mount Athos. The Turkish and Servian cavalry began a battle, yesterday.

A Berlin dispatch says that disorders are occurring at Salonki. Bulgarian and Greek soldiers are reported as plundering.

WEATHER

Metereological report for the 24 hours ending at 7 p. m. Nov. 15.
Barometer at 7 a. m. 30.16
Barometer at 7 p. m. 30.12
Temperature at 7 a. m. 50.2
Temperature at 7 p. m. 60.2
Maximum temperature 77.6
Minimum temperature 66.4

FORECAST

Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—West Texas fair Saturday, local rains at night or Sunday, colder in the north. East Texas—Fair Saturday, Sun. fair in the East. Increasing cloudiness in the West.

Hawley For Senator.

Associated Press.
Boise City, Nov. 15.—Governor Hawley announced tonight that he would resign probably tomorrow. Lieutenant Governor Sweetzer announced that as governor he would appoint Hawley, senator to succeed Heyburn. Hawley is a democrat, Sweetzer a republican.